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IN VACATION.

BOTH FIGHTING FOR WHAT THEY LACKED.—A Virginia land agent some weeks ago brought a Minnesota farmer, who had fought in the Federal army, to Virginia with a view of selling him the farm belonging to a Confederate soldier. When the agent got the two veterans together the conversation very naturally turned on the Civil War. Indeed, the Confederate was utterly unable to talk business until he had threshed out the issues of the great conflict. The Northern soldier reminded the Virginian that while the "rebels" were fighting for their slaves, the Federal soldiers were fighting for human liberty. "In other words," said the Yankee soldier, "we were fighting for principle, and you were fighting for money." "Yes," replied the rebel drolly, "we were both fighting for what we lacked."

A LAWYER'S HOUSE.—A burglar returned empty handed to his pal, who had been watching on the outside for him while he entered a likely looking house.

- "What did you get, Bill?" the pal asked.
- "Nothing. It was a lawyer's house," was the reply.
- "Did you lose anything?"
- "No. I didn't stay long enough."-The Bar.

IT DIDN'T WORK.— The Code, ch. 50, sec. 60, makes it the duty of the justice to dismiss plaintiff's action if he fails to appear and prosecute it within one hour after the time named in the summons. Defendant in the action appeared and made a motion to quash the proceedings, which he argued until the hour expired, and then made a motion to dismiss on the ground that the hour provided by law for plaintiff's appearance had passed. Plaintiff's attorney was present waiting to be heard. Held, that the motion was properly overruled. White v. Christy, 47 W. Va. 16.

"Shot Gun" Reasons.—"The appellant assigns the usual number of technical or shot gun reasons against these decrees." Brannon J., in *Griffith* v. *Blackwater*, 46 W. Va. 56, 33 S. E. 125.

SHOULD THE SHERIFF ACT?—A Virginia sheriff recently refused to execute the paper printed below. A member of the Bar was consulted as to what steps should be taken to compel the sheriff to serve the paper. He passes the question over to the readers of the REGISTER:

Given under my hand this 2nd day of June, 1904. JOHN SMITH, J. P. Said Richard Roe being liable for any cost that may accrue from said action.